

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
WORKSHOP MEETING**

**MARCH 29, 2012
6:00 PM**

Present at meeting:	Ralph Bentley	Supervisor
	Frank Hill	Councilman
	Robert Olson	Councilman
	Kenneth Higgins	Councilman
	Matthew Simpson	Councilman
Krista Wood	Town Clerk	

Also: Curt Castner, Bobby Higgins, Tim Beadnell, Harry Balz, Don Lewis, John Donovan, Trevor LaBarge, and Brad Joy.

Supervisor Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to review and discuss the proposed revisions to the Town of Horicon Zoning Ordinance.

Supervisor Bentley noted there were numerous typos in the draft copy and said those would need to be corrected. He then directed the Board's attention to the Definitions section, page 5, Farm, Full or Part-time. After some discussion on the best wording, the Board agreed to change the wording as follows:

"Farm, Full or Part-time: Any parcel of land used for the raising of agricultural products or the keeping of poultry, fowl, livestock, or domestic animals raised for sale, including necessary farm structures and the storage of farm equipment."

Councilman Olson then directed the Board's attention to Section 11.110 (p. 63) Keeping of Animals. He said it is his feeling that the Town should not be regulating kids who want to keep animals. Councilman Olson acknowledged that there could be problems with the keeping of animals, but that should be addressed by the appropriate enforcement officer. He noted that if the animals are being kept for sale or commercial purposes then they could regulate, but if they are kid's pets then he does not think they belong in the Town Ordinance. Supervisor Bentley said he does not feel people need permits to keep animals. Councilman Higgins noted that they should be careful how they modify this section because they need to keep in mind there are sometimes issues with waste runoff and health issues. Councilman Olson agreed and noted the Sanitary Regulations may cover some of those things. Councilman Olson suggested removing Section 11.110 in its entirety. Supervisor Bentley said animals should be limited in the Hamlet but outside of the Hamlet there should be no restriction. The Board agreed to revise Section 11.110 – Keeping of Animals by removing all items in Section 11.110 subsection 1(a) except numbers 2, 3, and 5. The wording in Item 5 should be changed as follows:

"Agricultural Uses and Agricultural Use Structures are permitted by right within the zoning district, other than the Hamlet area, where the animals are kept (see Section 8.20)."

Supervisor Bentley addressed Section 11.60 – Docks, Item #2 (p. 61). The Board discussed and agreed that the wording should be changed as follows:

"2. No dock shall be constructed having a side yard setback of less than twenty (20) feet or twenty (20%) percent, whichever is less but not less than five (5) feet, of the shoreline width of the lot in question and in no event shall the side yard setback be less than five (5) feet."

Councilman Olson then addressed Section 9.50 subsection 10-Multiple Access Docks (p.44). He asked if someone should be made to go for a variance or if there was a way to this. There was some discussion and the Board decided to leave this section as is and noted that people will need to come in for a variance.

Tim Beadnell asked for clarification regarding the Agricultural use structures in relation to a Recreational River District (p. 26). There was discussion on this as to whether it would be permitted by Right or would require Conditional Use approval. The Board decided to make two changes to the

Recreational River District use listing. They agreed to move dwelling (single family) and agricultural use structures under Uses Permitted by Right. In reference to the Residential 2 (R2) District (p.21), the Board agreed to add Accessory Building to Existing Building under Uses Permitted after Site Plan Approval by the Planning Board.

There was some minor discussion on a few other items but no changes were noted.

Supervisor Bentley then moved on to the proposed revisions to the Town of Horicon Subdivision Regulations. The Board agreed they were happy with the proposed revisions to the Subdivision Regulations and had no changes to make.

The Proposed Zoning Ordinance will be returned to Dr. Lamb to make the necessary revisions.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Hill and Simpson, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk

Changes (sent via email to Dr. Lamb on 4-2-12):

Pg. 5 – Definition of Farm, Full or Part-time should read: Any parcel of land used for the raising of agricultural products or the keeping of poultry, fowl, livestock, or domestic animals raised for sale, including necessary farm structures and the storage of farm equipment.

Pg. 21 – Residential 2 (R2) District – Add “accessory building to an existing structure” under Uses Permitted after Site Plan Approval by the Planning Board.

Pg. 26 - Recreational River District - Move dwelling (single family) and agricultural use structures under Uses Permitted by Right.

Pg. 63 - Section 11.110 – Keeping of Animals - remove all items in Section 11.110 except for numbers 2, 3, and 5 listed under subsection 1(a). The wording in Item 5 should be changed as follows:

“Agricultural Uses and Agricultural Use Structures are permitted by right within the zoning district, other than the Hamlet area, where the animals are kept (see Section 8.20).”

Pg. 61 - Section 11.60 – Docks, Item #2 - No dock shall be constructed having a side yard setback of less than twenty (20) feet or twenty (20%) percent, whichever is less but not less than five (5) feet, of the shoreline width of the lot in question and in no event shall the side yard setback be less than five (5) feet.